

PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS
PARADE DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2018

Welcome to the Parade! The parade is held in the early evening hours. Entries are strongly encouraged to “light up”. Floats and large vehicles might consider using out walkers. These people can be dressed in the theme. Lights will assist in providing visibility and make for a safer, more festive parade.

1. This year Freeport will celebrate its 11th Christmas Parade and the theme for the 2018 Parade is “A Very Disney Christmas”.
2. The deadline for parade entry is November 27, 2018. All applications will be reviewed and notification packets including line up positions, marshaling area and show times, parade route and instructions will be ready for pick up at Freeport City Hall NLT November 28, 2018.
3. Each entry must be submitted on an official parade entry form, only one unit application per form. Please ensure you have included both application and **required** signed Liability Disclaimer.
4. The Freeport Parade Committee will assign parade positions for all units. Placement will be determined for the most pleasant, smooth running parade possible.
5. No one younger than age 8 will be allowed to walk in the parade.
6. No bullhorns will be allowed.
7. Float height should not exceed 14 feet because of power lines.
8. There must be an adult for each float or entry and this person shall remain with the entry during the entire parade whether children are part of the entry or not.
9. Fire extinguishers will be required for each float.
10. No one will be permitted to get on or off a float or entry once it has started down the parade route. Exceptions: Only performing units as approved in writing by the Parade Committee.
11. No parade participant will be allowed to have a loaded firearm at any time.
12. No smoking or alcoholic beverages will be allowed on any parade entry at any time before or during the parade.
13. Any entry utilizing a motor vehicle should have working taillights.
14. Motorized entries should not have excessive smoke.

15. All items on an entry should be secure to protect against participant tripping hazards or hazard from falling off the entry into the spectators.
16. No sharp edges.
17. All drivers are required to have a proper and valid driver's license, be at least 21 years old, and possess vehicle liability insurance.
18. Motorcycle clubs are not allowed to perform any type of stunts along the parade route.
19. The following are requirements for riders on all flatbed float entries:
 - may not sit with feet hanging over the sides
 - may not sit with their back to the edge of the float unless retaining walls are present
 - may only stand towards the middle of the float provided using
 - hand hold devices
 - No more than 5 people may be standing at any time
20. Pick up floats will ensure participants on the float are seated, standing only if appropriate hand holds and other safety precautions are taken to protect against injury to participants and spectators.
21. All parade participants are encouraged to throw or hand out objects but with caution. Items may not be thrown directly at spectators. They may be lofted in the air or thrown at spectators' feet.
22. The parade will end at Freeport City Hall. We invite parade participants to stay and enjoy the Christmas program and Tree Lighting Festivities.
23. The Parade Committee will secure Santa Claus. He will be riding on an official unit. NO ONE else may dress as Santa or Mrs. Claus.
24. Standing parade participants on moving vehicles or platforms must have a sturdy support, handholds, belt restraint, or other means to prevent a fall from the unit.
25. ALL entries MUST depict a Christmas theme (bows, wreaths, streamers, etc.). Riders are encouraged to wear festive attire.
26. Only Christmas theme music will be allowed.
27. The Parade Committee's decisions regarding all entries are final.
28. All horse entries must secure and provide a cleanup crew to immediately follow the entry.
29. Entries must be entertaining to a family audience, primarily children.